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SUBJECT: SOVIETS HINT AT SYRIAN ACCEPTANCE OF UNDOF EXTENSION

1. IZVESTIYA ARTICLE BY ME CORRESPONDENT KORYAVIN (NOVEMBER 26) SAYS THAT FOLLOWING UNSYG WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS, "OBSERVERS" BELIEVE THAT SYRIA INTENDS TO AGREE TO PROLONG THE UNDOF MANDATE. KORYAVIN ALSO REPORTS THAT WALDHEIM CHARACTERIZED HIS TALKS WITH ASAD AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND SAW IN SYRIA "TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN SETTLING THE ME PROBLEM."

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TOLD US NOVEMBER 27 THAT DURING A RECENT TALK WITH M.D. SYTENKO, CHIEF OF THE MFA NEAR EASTERN COUNTRIES DIVISION, THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS HAD INTERVENED WITH SYRIA TO PROMOTE THE EXTENSION OF UNDOF.

3. COMMENT: IZVESTIYA ARTICLE IS THE FIRST MENTION OF THE UNDOF EXTENSION PROBLEM WE HAVE SEEN IN THE SOVIET PRESS. ITS POSITIVE REFERENCE TO THE PROSPECTS FOR SYRIAN AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION SUGGESTS BOTH SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA AND REASONABLE CERTAINTY
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HERE THAT THE SYRIANS WILL TAKE THIS STEP. FOR WHAT IT

MAY BE WORTH, EGYPTIAN EMBOFF NOVEMBER 27, ALSO TOLD
US HE WAS CERTAIN THAT SYRIA INTENDED TO AGREE TO
EXTEND THE UN FORCE.
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